

# Picks Yanks To Be At Least Second--Virginia Beach Gets Big Tourney

## THINKS YANKS STRONG TEAM

Ira Thomas Says He Can't See How They'll Finish Lower Than Second.

SHREVEPORT, La., March 11.—During their stay here the Yankees have engaged the expert attention of a number of veteran baseball citizens of Shreveport who are in daily attendance at the games at Gasser Park. Two of these shrewd observers are Mike O'Neill, once a famous National League pitcher and Ira Thomas, who has aided Connie Mack in developing many young players.

Both O'Neill and Thomas assert that the Yankees are well stocked with good youngsters, and they unhesitatingly declare that the New York and Cleveland world's champions should run one two in the American League this season.

Listen to the sage remarks of Thomas, who was a Yankee catcher during the regime of Clark Griffith. "Huggins has four or five men who ought to make the grade," states Ira. "It is only a question of opportunity and I imagine that if some of these lads are crowded out this spring the club will plant them where they can be recalled."

### HE'S SWEET ON WINGO.

"I am particularly sweet on Al Wingo, the outfielder from Atlanta. You know Connie Mack had Wingo at the end of the 1919 season. He is a vastly improved player now."

Philadelphia turned Wingo back to the Atlanta club; in fact Connie only looked at him that fall to cover him up for Charley Frank. Tom Sheehan, Atlanta pitcher, was with us that year also.

"I always liked Wingo's style and advised Connie to look at him again. I believe he would have been returned to the Philadelphia club but for the fact that last year the New York club entered into close relations with Atlanta and got the pick of the 1920 team. Wingo can hit, field and run. He is a long-distance runner, too. Here he is playing the outfield, but he isn't a bad third baseman."

### HAS A GOOD BUSINESS.

"This is the first spring in many years," continued Thomas, "that I haven't been playing or coaching. I have a good business, but somehow I just can't stay from a ball park. I'll have a uniform on yet."

"Yes, I still scout for Connie. I was down to see his camp a week ago and while I am not looking for players I will advise Mack to take a look at any one of five or six youngsters if Huggins decides to turn one loose. I like McMillan and Mitchell, infielders; Skins and Christian, outfielders, and some of the pitchers."

"Little Sid Agnew, an outfielder from the Philadelphia semi-pro ranks, is a good prospect."

### CHANEY'S MARCH HALTS WHEN HE LANDS A FOUL

SCRANTON, Pa., March 11.—George Chaney's string of knockout victories came to a halt here last night when he landed a foul blow in the eighth round and Sheriff Mirtz stopped the contest. A physician examined Willie Ritchie, Chaney's rival, and found he had been struck in the groin.

For three rounds the local boy had Chaney guessing, but after that the Baltimorean hammered his foe mercilessly. A left uppercut sent Ritchie to the mat in the sixth for a count of nine, and in the eighth Chaney was hammering his man about the ring when the foul blow was struck.

### METROPOLITAN PLAYERS WILL WORK ON SUNDAY

Sunday morning at 10 o'clock all ball players of the club are expected to report to Manager H. A. Patterson at the Roseade Playground diamond. The next regular club meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, at the home of the secretary, apartment 33, 144 W. Street, northwest, at 7:30 p. m. Adoption of new by-laws and arrangements for a dance will be made.

At the last meeting of the club H. A. Patterson, 722 Fifth street, northeast, was elected manager of the baseball team. All communications relative to ball games should be addressed to him.

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## THE OTHER ANGLE

Ponzi Accepts, With Reservations.

By KIRK MILLER.

Moose Factory Labrador, March 11.—(via dog sledge to the Washington Times.) As the midnight sun is about to make its debut in these parts, so Manager Skillet Finn is about to take a vote among himself as to whom shall be his one outfielder.

For this ambidextrous pivot, Skillet has considered everybody in the United States from "Pop" Fleming to Graham Nichols. The man who gets the place must be fast enough to cover the entire garden, as Skillet has a secret theory that three outfielders eat too much for one club.

Skillet is right as unusual. He doesn't want any Ty Cobbs. This



Speakers or Sam Rice's lettering around his club, eating up all the mashed potatoes and gravy. He wants somebody who can cover the field like a canopy.

The elimination process has been quite a mental strain on Skillet's old skull pan. Twice during the exasperating obscurities, he had to call for smelling salts and aromatic spirits frumment, reading from right to left.

He reached the momentous conclusion as follows. After looking himself in a form-fitting telephone booth, he took the city directory in hand and called every subscriber in the book. One by one he offered the outfield job to the birds who answered the call, and two by two he refused.

Skillet had called 76,000 names before central gave him the right number for the first time and thinking there was a good omen in the coincidence



he called up Earl Godwin to report he had made.

"She made a mistake," bussed Skillet, "she gave me the number I asked for."

Earl promised to look into the matter and assured Skillet it wouldn't happen again.

After half a day in the telephone cell, the air got kind of stiff and logy, so Skillet surrendered to the neosthetics and wandered out for some late refreshment. Turning the corner by the Lone Wolf buffet, he met Lieutenant Farrell and retinue. Addressing himself to Kloor, who was the smallest of the trio and likely to know the least, Skillet inquired as to who is the fastest man in the world.

Lt. Kloor borrowed a cigarette from Hinton, struck a match on Skillet's beard and paused for thought. That's a good deal to expect from a



gob, but truth is queerer than fiction, and Kloor drew himself up into a sausage balloon and started thinking without the least apparent effort.

"Must this man be in jail, or out of jail," whispered Kloor to Finn.

"In or out, it doesn't make any difference, I must have him for my one and only outfielder."

"Then," paused Kloor, "the speediest mortal I know in captivity or loose, is Get-Rich-Swift Ponzi, whose present address is Charlestown, Mass."

Skillet took the name, address and prison number of Ponzi and wired him an offer to play the outfield singlehandedly.

By return carrier pigeon, Ponzi sent his acceptance, agreeing to report five years from last summer.

### Winstons to Meet.

Winston A. C. players are asked to meet at the Roseade Playgrounds, Sunday afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

### Herzl In Line.

The Herzl A. C. baseball team is in line for baseball games. A. R. Goldberg is manager and lives at 1108 Seventh street northwest.

### Red Sox Seek Games.

The Red Sox, Robert Davis, manager, 2007 Fifteenth street northwest, want baseball games.

### Crittenden Wins.

Crittenden A. C. players defeated the Christ Child Boys' Club by a score of 15 to 12, in the Immaculate gymnasium.

### Peck Midgets Beaten.

Trinity A. C. defeated the Peck Midgets by a score of 50 to 15 yesterday.

### They're Holding Out.

Eddie Almsmith and Chick Shorten are holding out on Ty Cobb, which is one way to begin performing for a very Georgia.

### Three Days a Week.

The Princeton varsity football squad will practice three times a week this spring.

## NIGHTINGALE WILL RACE FRENCH STAR

New Hampshire Flyer Will Appear in International Relay Event.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 11.—Nightingale, who won the three-mile international event last year at the Pennsylvania relay carnival, will run in the two-mile international race this season. Kate Carmell, the coach of the West Virginia track team, sent word yesterday that Nightingale would be on hand. This is very interesting news.

Nightingale's victory last year was one of the big upsets of the relay carnival. Montague, of Oxford, the English champion, was thought to be an easy winner, but Nightingale's practical knowledge of the famous English runner and won in fast time.

The foreign runner to beat this year is De Nye, of France, one of the best men in Europe. He will have to be good as well as fast. Nightingale, there will be several other fine runners in the event.

Purness, of Purdue, the two-mile and cross-country champion of the Middle West, has entered. It is expected that Higgins, of Columbia, and Romig, of Penn State, the Eastern Intercollegiate cross-country champion, will enter.

Andy Hissler, the fastest Philadelphia distance runner, has entered from Drexel, where he is a student. Hissler was fourth in this race last year, and as he has improved greatly it will take a good man to beat him.

Cornell, M. I. T., Syracuse and Princeton are also expected to enter their fastest distance men, so that the French champion will meet the very best distance men in college today. The victor will well deserve to be called international intercollegiate champion.

The entries for the relay carnival keep pouring in. To date they total over three hundred institutions. Philadelphia are used to seeing and hearing of large entries for the relay carnival, but it is a question if they really appreciate the magnitude of the meet.

The big Illinois indoor relay carnival boasts of having thirty-five colleges enter their teams. There are over ninety colleges and universities on the relay carnival list.

There are over one hundred high schools enrolled, though an entry of twenty-five high schools at any other meet is considered remarkable. Nearly fifty preparatory schools have sent word that they will be on for the carnival, which is probably three times as many as compete in any other meet.

The combined list is thus really wonderful, and the end is not yet, as the entries do not close until April 1. By that time a new record in entries is sure to be made.

The only difficulty will come in finding room on the program for all the schools and colleges that desire to compete. All the classes will be filled. The first day will be just as important as the second day of the meet, for the French athletes will compete in one of the medley relay championships, and other foreign athletes, together with the French, will be found in the two-mile international, the quarter-mile hurdle and other events.

### Arrows Will Play.

Dreadnaught A. C. players come to town from Alexandria, Va., tomorrow night to play the Arrows at the Y. M. C. A.

### Kendalls Win It.

Kendall School basketballs defeated the Sherwood A. C. players by a score of 41 to 11 last night.

### Hopkins Loses Game.

Johns Hopkins University was defeated by a 26-to-23 score by the Center College basketball team last night in Baltimore.

### Collins Has Signed.

"Rip" Collins, who looked like a coming mound star with the Yankees last season, has yet to sign, and rumors from the training camp at Shreveport, La., are that he may not.

## AMATEUR DIRECTORY

Metropolitan A. C. H. A. Patterson, manager, 732 Fifth street northeast. Brookland A. C. J. E. McCann, St. Anthony's hall, Brookland, D. C. Herzl A. C. A. R. Goldberg, manager, 1108 Seventh street northwest. Perry A. C., 16-year-old class. Robert May, manager, 1029 Park road northwest, Col. 1215.

Red Sox, Robert L. Davis, manager, 200 Fifteenth street northwest, North 9007. Winston A. C. D. C. Woodcock, manager, 1010 H street northeast. Dreadnaught A. C. E. R. Allen, manager, P. O. Box 173, Alexandria, Va. Phone Alex. 564.

Mohawk Juniors, Harry Rice, manager, Lincoln 6688. Northeast Hilltops, call manager, Lincoln 6397-W, after 4 p. m.

Carlisle A. C., sixteen years old, Thomas Runyon, manager, 1825 Hamline street northeast.

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Potomac A. C. C. manager, 815 Fourth street southeast. Christ Child Boys' Club, J. R. Marland, director athletics, 224 Indiana avenue.

Knickerbocker Club, Carroll Daly, manager, 3125 N street northwest. Rex A. C. James E. Wright, 820 Twelfth street northeast.

Pikestown A. C. H. R. Cheseldine, manager, 1093 Thirteenth street southeast. Henry Bude, W. F. Binkle, manager, 1323 Seventh street northwest; fifteen-year average. Indian Head, H. P. Burroughs, manager, Indian Head, Md. Phone I. H. 32.

Register, T. C. Malone, manager, 119 D street northeast. Research Laboratory, V. L. Gaddy, manager, American University Experimental Station, telephone Cleveland 1806. Roamer A. C. Eddie Pitts, manager, 726 Maryland avenue, northeast. Gonzaga A. C. Freshman, fourteen-year-old average. Martin Keane, manager, Riverdale, Md.

Winthrop Club, Robert Johnson, manager, 1124 Columbia road northwest. Seward's Business College, G. W. Brown, manager, 1208 F street northwest. Grace A. C. J. Goodrich, manager, 3120 M street northwest.

## WILSON WILL FACE MIKE O'DOWD AGAIN

Tex Rickard Matches Them to Decide World's Middleweight Title.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Tex Rickard has qualified as the champion promoter of championship boxing bouts at Madison Square Garden. Nothing can upset Tex's determination once he has set his mind upon staging a big bout.

Until noon yesterday Rickard had made all arrangements to pit Rocky Kansas, the latest sensation among the lightweights, against Willie Jackson, of the Bronx. At the last minute, however, the manager of Kansas, who was originally scheduled to face Benny Leonard at the Garden on March 17, demanded such a prohibitive amount for his services that Rickard decided to look elsewhere for an attraction.

Thereupon, on the well known St. Patrick's Birthday night, next Thursday, Rickard has matched Johnny Wilson, the more or less frohous middleweight champion of the world, with Mike O'Dowd, from whom Johnny won that title about a year ago.

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## VIRGINIA BEACH TO HAVE BIG TOURNEY

Middle Atlantic Golf Title Event Awarded to Princess Anne Club.

The annual Middle Atlantic Golf Association's championship tournament will be staged June 23, 24 and 25 at the Princess Anne Country Club at Virginia Beach, twenty miles from Norfolk. The course is 6,300 yards in length and the greens are said to rank with the best in the country. The clubhouse is a hundred yards from a splendid bathing beach.

James S. Barron, of the Princess Anne Country Club, is the newly-elected president of the Middle Atlantic Association. He succeeds F. G. D. Mackay, of the Country Club of Virginia, Richmond. Other officers chosen are: C. M. Sheward, Wilmington, Del., first vice president; Lee L. Harban, Washington, second vice president; W. R. McCallum, Washington, secretary, and Yates Pennington, Baltimore, treasurer.

According to the custom in vogue with the association the present vice president is a member of the club which will be awarded the classic for next year, hence the Wilmington Country Club will entertain the event.

As the Middle Atlantic Association and the Maryland State Golf Association are to function hand in hand, most of Maryland's clubs being members of both organizations, there will be no conflict of tournament dates.

The State meet probably will be played two weeks prior to the Norfolk event, but this has not been decided by the State executive committee.

Golf has shown a vast increase in popularity throughout the territory embraced by the Middle Atlantic Association. Fifteen clubs now are included on its roster. They are: Baltimore Country Club, Bannockburn Golf Club, Chevy Chase Club, Columbia Country Club, Elkridge Hunt Club, Hampton Roads Golf and Country Club, Hermitage Golf Club, Maryland Country Club, Country Club of Virginia, Washington Golf and Country Club, Wilmington Country Club, Country Club of Norfolk, Green Spring Valley Hunt, Suburban Club and Princess Anne Country Club.

## "POP" COOK CALLS LEAGUE TOGETHER

Rainmaking President Asks Departmental Baseball Teams To Gather March 16.

"Pop" Cook the rainmaking president of the Departmental league is out after 'em again. President Cook has issued a call for a meeting of the Departmental league clubs to be held at Spalding's Store Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, March 16.

The Departmental league is expected to get under way shortly and President Cook urges all teams that played last season to renew their franchises and to present representatives for the meeting.

It is expected that the circuit will hold forth on the Monument Lot as heretofore and that the contests will be started around May 1. Several teams in the District have asked permission to join the Departmental league, it is understood and the circuit is getting under way with a full quota.

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